

## SPRINGER NOTES

Springer feels proud, (and well she may), of the fact that she had thirty-eight men to respond to the call for volunteers to defend her country's flag, all of whom were residents of the town of Springer, with the exception of eight who came from outside points. She also mourns the loss of one brave boy who will not be among those mustered out, but who is sleeping in an unwatched grave on Cuba's shore. Jack Robinson was well known and well liked, as he had been employed at the Bell Ranch a number of years. In the death of Jack, Springer has lost more men than the whole state of Colorado.

Will Y. Black, chief clerk of General Superintendent Charles Dyer, wife and two bright little girls, are here from Pueblo visiting relatives, while Billy takes his regular annual vacation.

Will Roy, an old time employe in the B. & M. Mercantile establishment at Las Vegas, and now a prominent cattleman of Colfax county, is assisting the Springer mercantile establishment during the rush season. Mr. Roy seems to be very much at home.

The people of Springer anxiously awaiting the decision of the Territorial Supreme Court relative to the removal of the county seat of Colfax county, which was argued before the court, last week.

Great damage was done to windows and roofs, especially, during the hail storm which came in a strip some six miles wide. The stones were as large as good sized apples, breaking completely through tin roofs and tearing off new cedar shingles. In many cases the buildings will require new roofs. Fortunately there was but little stock in the hail storm strip.

The Flossheim Mercantile Company, in which G. B. & Co., of Las Vegas, are interested, are doing a large country business. They have bought and now have stored nearly 1,000,000 pounds of wool.

A new lodge, known as the Fraternal Brotherhood, was organized in Springer last week, with twelve charter members.

A. Luntzell, having done a good business selling Singer sewing machines, left for the Meadow City.

The greatest improvement that this town can have is being made in the nature of a new water service, by the railroad company, which is laying five miles of five-inch iron pipe from the water tank to the storage reservoir of the Maxwell Land association. The company expects to tear away the present wooden tank and replace it by a large steel one, whereby they may be able to supply the town of Springer with pure, wholesome water.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

A. Weil and A. H. Higgins and wife to J. H. Hunter; consideration, \$105.50; conveys lot 8, block 1, Plaza addition.

M. Romero and wife to Rev. F. L. Chappelle; consideration, \$1; conveys land at El Porvenir.

F. G. Watson and wife to A. Levy; consideration, \$50; conveys lots in East Las Vegas.

United States to John Campbell; patent; conveys lands.

John Campbell to F. A. Edwards; consideration, \$300; conveys lands.

F. Watson and wife, F. M. Renshaw and E. F. Chamberlain to A. and Lillie Levy; conveys lands.

A. D. de Lucero to F. Maldonado; consideration, \$250; conveys lands.

A. R. de Baca to M. R. Martinez; consideration, \$300; conveys lands.

F. Baca y Garcia and wife to C. Sanchez; consideration, \$200; conveys lots in Las Vegas.

## WAGON MOUND NOTES.

Eptemio Martinez is erecting a large, two-story building on one of the main thoroughfares of the town.

W. P. Edgington and party, who had been employed by the Maxwell Land Association, of Colfax county, and by the La Cueva Ranch Co., of Mora county, for the past few years, to trap and kill wolves, coyotes and wild cats, contracted some three weeks ago with the Wagon Mound Live Stock Association for the protection of their cattle, sheep and horses from devastation by wild animals, such having been very scarce the past few months. Mr. Edgington brought in eighteen wolf skulls and twelve coyote and wild cat skulls, for which he received \$10 for each wolf and \$1 for each cat or coyote. These animals were caught in large steel traps, of which Mr. Edgington has some 300 in this vicinity. This method of ridding the country of these pests have proved to be very successful and is considered the only way of complete extermination.

There has been considerable talk about this place being infested with small pox to an alarming extent; but Wagon Mound has only four cases of small pox at this writing. The priest has forbidden services to be held in the church, when the death has resulted from small pox, and the inhabitants are taking every precaution against its spreading. There is one thing sure and that is something must be radically wrong with the law governing the Territorial Board of Health, with county officials in certain counties, who no doubt have the power to enforce laws which would soon stamp out, or at least stop the spread of this dreaded contagious disease. There should be a health officer at this town, having absolute authority to enforce the quarantine law in its full sense.

The two general merchandise firms of A. M. Adler and G. W. Bond & Bro., are doing a large business. Mr. Adler recently sold about 200,000 pounds of wool to eastern buyers and Mr. Bond & Bro., have some 400,000 pounds stored in their large warehouses.

## BOULAH BUDGET.

To the Editor of the Optic.

BOULAH, N. M., Aug. 22nd, 1898.—The rains have ceased, somewhat, and the health seekers are all improving during the days of sunshine.

A candy pull was given at the home of Col. F. A. Blake, last Friday. The young people of the neighborhood were all there, and every one was reluctant to welcome the lengthening shadows that marked the close of a most enjoyable afternoon.

Several of the Boulah young folks enjoyed a trip to Mora, Saturday. The day was delightful, and each one pronounced it a splendid trip.

Several visitors from Theo. Hainlin's attended the Boulah church yesterday, making quite a crowd for our little community.

The Barker hack goes in today, taking Mr. Hull and Miss Crites to the Meadow City.

Harvest time is here now, and if these pretty days continue, the hay will soon be raked and the grain garnered.

## LA MEXICANA.

A. J. Stockbridge, one of the first of the Rough Riders to enlist from this city, being employed at the time at the Experiment Station, arrived on the afternoon train on a thirty day's furlough. He left Santiago de Cuba on July 22nd, having been attacked with malarial fever, from which he has not entirely recovered. He participated in the battles at El Caney, San Juan and Santiago. He says he enlisted to fight Spaniards and was not disappointed in a chance to meet the enemy.

## THE WOOL PROBLEM.

Just before the Wilson tariff law went out and the Dingley tariff law came in, the imports of wool were so great as to make the imports for the fiscal year, 1897, reach the astonishing figures of \$50,852,026 pounds, with not one pound remaining in bond with duties to be paid. For the next or fiscal year of 1898, the importations fell to 132,795,302 pounds, of which 60,439,364 pounds, or nearly one half, remained in bond with duties unpaid.

The reason assigned for the last fact, or why the imported wool remains in bond, has been that the domestic article is from 10 to 15 per cent cheaper than the imported article with the duty upon it.

But there are further facts bearing on this subject. Articles of woollen manufacture are further from the importing point than is the raw material itself; and the fact that many staple manufactured articles are selling below cost of production at a time when neither foreign goods are being imported nor American mills fully employed, makes this still more remarkable. Indeed, in this connection it is well to note that with the exception of the six months immediately following the passage of the Dingley tariff act, our domestic mills have not been employed during the past three years at more than two-thirds of their capacity.

From these statements it follows that the anticipated passage of the Dingley tariff bill caused an over importation of wool, congesting the market by excessive supply; and that only the absorption of this supply, by consumption, can give to domestic wools the higher price so long expected and desired. It is also evident that the languishing state of the woollen textile market, has delayed the absorption of the wool supply, thus delaying the advance in price of domestic wools. To what this condition of the textile market is to be attributed, is not so apparent. Some ascribe it to the glutting of the market, by over production, from three to five years ago. Others again contend that the benefits of the improved times have not yet found their way among the classes of laboring men and their families who constitute the great mass of consumers. The latter seems the more probable explanation, since it is consonant with the fact that goods offered at less than cost of production remain undisposed of.

Girls like to be called young ladies, and ladies of uncertain age like to be called girls.

Secretary Alger's slumbers continue to be rudely disturbed by the matin song of the round robins.

## AND THE SOLDIER SPAKE.

Said the citizen, "Soldier, what news of the war?"

How fight the brave boys at the front?" And the soldier boy said—and he wouldn't say more—

With a voice like the sound of a dull cannon roar

And a manner sufficiently blunt—

—ly blunt,

"Damfino!"

"But how fared the boys under shot and shell,

And how went liberty's cause?"

The soldier boy's underjaw suddenly fell

As he murmured something like "Wat'il."

But he said as he snapped his big jaws—

—both jaws,

"Damfino!"

"You saw good Old Glory float overhead—

Then didn't they cheer with a will?"

But the soldier remained as unmoved as the dead,

Only shifting his quid as he grunted and said,

While the hearts of his listeners stood still—

—dead still,

"Damfino!"

Then the soldier boy said, with an ominous roar,

"You guys is got t'ings in yer corks!"

Wat'l makes yer t'ink I bin off to de war?"

Chickamoggy an' Tampa was all we went for,

An' we didn't fight nuttin' but pork—

—burn pork,

Furs-I-no!"

—H. E. W.

After a while, these extremely enthusiastic citizens will be calling it the Greater United States.

With a great many people in Ohio, it is a question of new postoffices first and new provinces afterward.

## Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

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